



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:02 p.m., 1st Vice-Chair Velzy called the meeting to order.

Present were: John Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Doug Partello, Cabrillo; Len Shulman, Carriage Square; Ronald Arruejo, East Village; Pat Brown, Five Points Northeast; Chris Taccone, Fremont North; Jaime Moreno, Fremont South; Jack Villa, Hobson Park East; Pat Haidet, Marina West; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Carlos Quiroz, Redwood; Suzi Gonzales, Rose Park; Edward Castillo, Sea Air; Sergio Garcia, Sierra Linda; Bill Shallenberger, Southbank

A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of March 2, 2022 online meeting

Motion by Jack Villa, seconded by Edward Castillo. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

Chris Bisonette - Didn't know there was a neighborhood clean up in neighborhood

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Neighborhood Council Budget Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a verbal report from INCO Executive Secretary Adam Smith on the Neighborhood Council Budget Program

The Executive Secretary reported on the Neighborhood Council Budget Program guidelines.

Questions/comments were received from:

Pat Brown - Supportive of program

Kim Winch - No training will be provided but cardholder agreements will need to be signed

Chris Hernandez - Thanked the City Manager and staff for the program; the program will help with neighborhood costs

Frances Hermosillo - Question on where money is coming from - money comes from General Fund

Douglas Partello - Money is for community outreach for meetings/elections, not rental of equipment for cleanups, gardening activity

Carlos Quiroz - \$500 per fiscal year may not be enough

Chris Taccone - The start date of the program is tentatively scheduled for May 1, provided cardholder agreements are returned promptly

Jon Huycke - Inflation considerations

Dan Grislee - Funds do not accumulate year over year

Jack Villa - Treasurer does not have to be one of the cardholders if a Neighborhood Council decides that the chair or vice-chair are cardholders

Chris Bisonette - Elections needs quorums or election meeting cannot take place

2. SUBJECT: Active and Inactive Neighborhood Councils

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive an update from Project Manager Samantha Shapiro on Active and Inactive Neighborhood Councils

Ms. Shapiro gave a verbal report on active and inactive councils.

Questions/comments were received from:

Michael Gleason - Issues getting a guest speaker for neighborhood meetings

Doug Partello - Possibilities of hybrid meetings (in-person / Zoom)

Gabe Teran - Fremont South hosted a hybrid meeting a few months ago successfully

Bill Shallenberger - Southbank Neighborhood Council will most likely be deactivated due to lack of participation

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Pat Brown, Five Points Northeast - Issues with the homeless population in the neighborhood

Ronald Arruejo, East Village - New Del Sol High event, thanked Samantha Shapiro

Doug Partello, Cabrillo - Issues w/ gang mailboxes being vandalized in the neighborhood, issues with getting damaged units replaced with USPS; landscaping issues in general benefit area of the neighborhood, it's beginning to look a lot better

Sergio Garcia, Sierra Linda - 215 homes in the neighborhood now have exterior cameras; educate your neighborhood on the use of the City's 311 app

Edward Castillo, Sea Air - Sorry haven't been active; without the neighborhood chairs, there is no INCO; people should be given more than three minutes to speak during neighborhood chair reports

Chris Hernandez, Five Points North East - Thanked Roger Poirer and Emilio Ramirez for timely communication on parcels that may be open in the area; Fire is installing free smoke detector alarms in homes; this Friday, Oxnard Rec hosting a "Keepin' it Wheel" event at College Park; thanked Pat Brown; issues with Budget Garden Inn; thanked Jack Villa for inclusion in activation efforts

Suzi Gonzalez, Rose Park - Neighborhood watch meets at PD storefront, communication hasn't been great with PD staff; meeting at the neighborhood park

Bill Shallenberger, Southbank - Has high-frequency hearing loss, can't hear smoke alarms; there are other alarms on the market for people with hearing loss

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

Diana Velzy, Orchard Park - \$230.08 in INCO funds were transferred from Jack Villa to Diana Velzy; sent out a letter to City Council on reinstating the neighborhood clean up program

Jack Villa, Hobson Park - Wants input from other chairs on what other steps the neighborhoods can take if Council does not reinstate the neighborhood clean up program; working towards activating Wagon Wheel and Golf Course neighborhoods

Chris Taccone, Fremont North - Waiting to hear about neighborhood clean-ups

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Taccone - With new housing coming online, want to add to the agenda a rep from St. Johns Hospital to discuss future hospital capacity

Jack Villa - Neighborhood councils

Doug Partello - Increase volunteerism in City

Pat Brown - Neighborhood newsletter

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, 1st Vice-Chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary